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From: Ziegler, Sam
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Subject: RE: DC Trip

Hi Tom: I'm aware of this issue. The Regions generally and R9 specifically think that an ANEP meeting should qualify for using 320 funds, as long as there is not an explicit prohibition (e.g., lobbying can't be done with federal funds). This has been conveyed to HQ and I believe HQ will do their best to support the NEPs. What constitutes lobbying is open to interpretation, and I don't have enough info to have an opinion on that. I hope there will be clarification soon that will allow for most expenses recognizing the importance of the meeting for tech transfer. Stay tuned and see you soon!

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R9 Watershed Priorities at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/watershed/index.html>

From: Tom Ford [mailto:tford@santamonicabay.org]
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Molly and Sam,

I hate to be stuck in a loop and for bothering you all. Apparently the meeting that we usually undertake to the DC in the early part of the year has been deemed un-fundable by 320 funds. I was directed to contact my region folks so I am.

Let me know if you have any time to look into this, if not I understand and will pursue other options.

Thanks Molly. Thanks Sam, see you Thursday Sam!

ANEP Meeting- Michelle Price-Fay and Megan Mackey will attend for Region 3.

Frank asked if NEPs could utilize NEP funds for travel due to the EPA aspects of the meeting? R3 will ask the question of HQ whether or not NEP funds can be utilized for attendance of the meeting as it is a "tech transfer" meeting. The NEP directors view is that this is just an EPA meeting being hosted by ANEP on the tech transfer day, so it should be allowable. The second day is before the Estuary Caucus and if the NEP directors were requested to present, it is not lobbying in their opinion since they are being responsive to a request. Is this correct? R3 will get clarification from HQ.

****Response from EPA HQ: EPA is not sponsoring or hosting, nor did EPA plan the meeting, NEPs cannot utilize Section 320 funds to attend the ANEP tech transfer meeting. Furthermore, ANEP is independent of EPA, and does not receive Federal funds allocated by EPA. The "Required National Meeting Attendance" provision in EPA's NEP Funding Guidance speaks to EPA sponsored HQ and Regional meetings, not ANEP meetings.**

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